

**CITY OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER
Effective May 1, 2013**

**Placing Mandatory Watering Restrictions Upon Users of the
City of Louisville Water System Because of Drought Conditions**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Mayor of the City of Louisville, Colorado and, in particular, Section 13.08.060 of the Louisville Municipal Code, I, Robert P. Muckle, Mayor of the City of Louisville, hereby issue this Executive Order placing mandatory watering restrictions upon users of the City of Louisville water supply system.

Need and Purpose

Information indicates that the Colorado Front Range is experiencing one of the worst drought conditions on record. These severe drought conditions have impacted and continue to impact the City's available water supply. There are concerns regarding lack of adequate snowmelt and stream runoff, and the significant demand that irrigation places upon the existing water supply during the summer months. This Executive Order is intended to conserve water by mandating outdoor watering restrictions. This Executive Order will result in reducing outdoor water usage and assist the City in meeting the goals of reserving adequate water for the coming months.

Order

Pursuant to Louisville Municipal Code Section 13.08.060, the following mandatory watering restrictions are hereby imposed upon all users of the City of Louisville water supply system, effective at NOON on May 1, 2013:

1. Responsible Party. As used in this chapter, "customer" means the owner or occupant of the licensed premises.

2. Irrigation Watering Restrictions. All customers shall conduct all watering without any water waste, as defined in Louisville Municipal Code Section 13.08.120. All customers, except those who irrigate with recycled water, shall comply with the following watering restrictions from May 1 to October 1, unless exempted by special permission or by means of a water budget:

a. Watering shall be limited to two days per week in accordance with the following schedule.

Single-family residential properties with odd-numbered addresses	Saturday Wednesday
Single-family residential properties with even-numbered addresses	Sunday Thursday

Multi-family, HOA's, Commercial, Industrial	Tuesday Friday
Government, Other Exemptions	Water Budget

b. The Louisville City Council may by formal action establish a limit on the number of minutes of irrigation that each area of turf may receive or a maximum total amount of time during which irrigation at a premise may occur. This subsection (b) will not apply to athletic or playing fields, so long as irrigation of such fields is accomplished without waste of water.

c. Watering is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., except when limited watering is essential to preserve turf subject to heavy public use.

d. Watering is prohibited on Mondays, except for government-owned public parks.

e. Between October 1 and May 1, outdoor lawn watering shall be prohibited. The watering of turf areas heavily used by the community, such as athletic and playing fields, and tees and greens at golf courses, is not prohibited, but must be conducted without waste of water.

f. Permissible watering shall be conducted without any water waste, as defined in Louisville Municipal Code Section 13.08.120.

3. Exemptions from Irrigation Restrictions. The City may in its discretion grant exemptions from the watering restrictions in Order 2, as directed by the City Council. The City Council may approve exemptions for specific uses of irrigation or specific sources of irrigation water. For large volume irrigators, the City Council may approve the use of water budgets with a maximum allowable amount of water, within which the irrigators will be permitted flexibility to choose how to irrigate without exceeding the budget. In addition to the penalties described in Order 11, violation of any term or condition of an exemption may result in immediate rescission of the exemption. City parks and recreation amenities are exempted under Order 2 with a target reduction of 20% based upon water budgeting.

4. Irrigation of Trees, Shrubs, Flowers and Vegetables. Trees, shrubs, flowers, vegetables, and community garden plantings may be watered any day except Monday by means of a hand-held hose or low-volume non-spray irrigation. From May 1 to October 1, such non-spray irrigation may not occur between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

5. New Turf Sod/Seed. The installation of new turf sod/seed will not be permitted from the effective date of this Executive Order to August 31, 2013. After August 31, 2013 new turf sod/seed may be installed and watered on watering days or outside watering days except Monday by means of a hand-held hose or low-volume non-spray irrigation.

6. Irrigation System Installation, Operation and Repair. An irrigation system may be operated outside the watering schedule in Order 2 for installation, repair or reasonable maintenance, so long as the system is attended throughout the period of operation and water waste does not occur. All irrigation control systems must be reprogrammed for operation in compliance with the schedule in Order 2 or must be operated manually.

7. Outdoor Water Features.

a. **Fountains and Waterfalls.** Customers shall be prohibited from operating any existing outdoor fountain or waterfall that sprays water into the air. This subsection (a) will not apply to water sprayground located at Community Park.

8. Washing of Vehicles.

a. **Personal Vehicles.** Customers may wash their personal vehicles using only a bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shutoff nozzle.

b. **Fleet Vehicles.** Vehicles contained in commercial operations or fleets may be washed no more often than once per week, unless public safety requires more frequent washing.

9. Washing of Impervious Surfaces.

a. **Power Washing by Individuals.** Cleaning with water shall be conducted without any water waste, as defined in Louisville Municipal Code Section 13.08.120, and may occur only on the assigned watering days indicated in Order 2.

b. **Commercial Power Washing.** Commercial enterprises for whom cleaning with water is an essential element of their business are not subject to day-of-the-week or time-of-day restrictions, but shall use only high efficiency equipment certified by Denver Water and assure that water waste does not occur.

10. Enforcement of Drought Restrictions. The customer shall be responsible for complying with these drought restrictions, and also with the terms of any exemption granted under Order 3. Those who violate any of these Stage 2 drought restrictions will be subject to the penalties in this provision.

a. For a first violation of any Stage 2 drought restriction, the owner or occupant will be advised in writing and informed that a monetary charge will be added to the water bill for subsequent violations.

b. For a second violation of any Stage 2 drought restriction at the same premises, the owner or occupant will be advised in writing, and a \$250 charge may be added to the water bill.

c. For a third violation of any Stage 2 drought restriction at the same premises, the owner or occupant will be advised in writing, and a \$500 charge may be added to the water bill.

d. For a fourth violation of any Stage 2 drought restriction at the same premises, for violation of any term or condition of an exemption granted under Order 3, or for willful violation of any drought restriction, the owner or occupant will be advised in writing, and a \$1000 charge may be added to the water bill. In addition, the City may install a flow restrictor on the service line that will remain in place during the irrigation season or may suspend service temporarily until the cause of the violation is corrected and all outstanding penalty and water service charges have been paid.

11. Application of Drought Response to Recycled Water Customers. Recycled water has different supply characteristics than potable water, and its source water may be more abundant during periods of drought. Customers who use recycled water are subject to more strict controls than customers of potable water. In recognition of these differing circumstances, the City reserves the right to adopt different drought restrictions for recycled water customers, or to refrain from imposing any drought restrictions on recycled water customers, depending on the availability of the recycled water source at the time of the drought.

The above watering restrictions are subject to change by Executive Order of the Mayor.

This Executive Order shall expire April 30, 2014, unless extended by Executive Order.

The foregoing Executive Order is given this 2nd day of April, 2013.